Effect of the US concessions to Pakistani textiles

1799. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some concessions have been provided to Pakistani textile exports by the US market;

..(b) if so, would such concessions have adverse impact on Indian textile exports to US;

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken in the interest of our textile exports; and

(d) whether the Prime Minister of India discussed this problem with the US President during his recent visit to USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No concession has been given to Pakistan by US so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

(d) No, Sir.

Establishment of Apparel Parks in potential cities

1800. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish Apparel Parks in potential cities of the country;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka have requested to establish such Apparel Parks at Bellary and Bangalore in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) A scheme has been announced in the Union Budget 2001 -02 for creating clusters of excellence *i.e.* 'Apparel Park for Exports.'

In anticipation of launch of the scheme, certain State Governments have forwarded project proposals for setting up of Apparel Parks for Exports in their

respective States. State Government of Karnataka has also forwarded project Reports for setting up of Apparel Parks at Bangalore and Bellary.

The project proposal would be considered as per the guidelines of the scheme, as and when these are finalised.

Closures of Textile Mills in Gujarat

1801. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile mills have been closed in Gujarat during last five years from 1996-2001;

(b) how many workers and administrative staff have been rendered jobless due to the closure of these mills;

(c) the total amount of compensation to be paid to the employees of these mills, year-wise, from 1996-2001; and

(d) the actual compensation paid in each year from 1996 to 2001 and the arrears remaining to be paid as on 30.9.2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) During October 1, 1996 to September 30,2001,36 cotton / man-made textile mills (non-SSI) have closed down in the State of Gujarat. There were 31, 983 workers on the roll of the these mills.

(c) and (d) The details of financial relief disbursed under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Scheme during last five years and current year upto 31-10-2001 was as under:-

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	No. of workers	Amount Paid
1996-97	2316	588.19
1997-98	2560	681.00
1998-99	2282	642.47
1999-2000	4464	1305.00
2000-2001	3729	1253.26
2001-02 (Upto 31.10.2001)	451	100.90